

THE
RESOLVTION
AND MOST
FAITHFULL EXPRESSION
of the Gentry and Commonalty of
the Countie of

ESSEX. *no. 1.*

PRESENTED
To the House of *PARLIAMENT*
Jun. 20. 1642.

Wherein is declared their certaine and reall
Intentions to maintaine the Priviledges of the
Crowne and Parliament.

Also the true Relation of an Opposition and Distur-
bance given to the Earle of *Stamford* at the Training
of the Train Bands at *Leicester*.

Which Disturbance was given by *Mr. Hen. Hastings*,
sonne to the Earle of *Huntington*.

With the Order from the House concerning *Mr. Hastings*, as
a Delinquent and occasioner of the same Disturbance.

As also an Order to send for the Maior, for
proclaiming the Kings Proclamation.
Hen. Elsing, Cler. Parl.

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*The Resolution and most faithfull Expression
of the Gentry and Commonality of the Coun-
ty of Essex.*

Long hath this Kingdome suffered
a most fearfull distraction, and it
hath bin so long divided within
the severall Counties, that the daily dis-
contents have begot in the timorous
Subjed fears and jealousies of a present
Ruine.

For we are taught by daily experience
That a Kingdome divided cannot stand, but
must of necessity fall to ruine, and destruc-
tion must be the end and issue of those
Civill dissensions. Witnesse the Pride of
Rome, whose ambition was made leuell
and equall to misery by their home-bred
jars. I will not rehearse the languishing
State of this Land, before the happy

Balsame of this Parliament was applyed
thereto, which untill this time hath found
most dangerous oppressions, the faithfull
Endeavours therof being dayly sought to
be contradicted, by those guilty persons,
whose guilt could not endure the tryall
of so just a Court.

Yet notwithstanding these manifold
oppositions, Justice hath not bin left al-
together destitute of some Professors and
such intire Agents whose endeavours
should preserve from the violent hands
of malignity and scandall.

The proceedings of this Parliament
hath bin beyond expectation and Right
retarded, and the much agrieved Subject
hath by these delays been much hindered
from the relief and burthen of his for-
mer distresses, which he justly did expect
to receive from this most humble Court.
The cause of not being relieved, did not
proceed from themselves, so that of them-
selves they could for the present redresse
and comfort the expectation of the Sub-
ject.

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The difference between the King and Parliament did cause a great stand in the Subject, so that most Countreies untill within these few dayes were very doubtful to which part they might give their countenance and assurance.

But now I cannot but with joy declare, and I hope by this one example many more will be drawn to the like, how both the Gentry and Commonalty of the County of Essex did proffer up both their Lives and fortunes to serve the King and Parliament.

Upon the 20. of this month by the generall Consent of that whole County a Petition was framed and delivered into the House of Parliament, the Contents whereof were as followeth.

That they were much grieved for the difference of His Majesty and the Parliament and that they should heartily wish that all these differences might be remembered.

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And also that they hoped that there was
no cause of distaste given his Majesty by
the Houses; wherefore they were resol-
ved with a most firm Resolution, and all
faithfulness to serve the Parliament, to
maintain Religion, the Laws of the land,
and the privileges of the King and Par-
liament; with their lives, and fortunes,
which petition was kindly received by
the house.

How the *Militia* of this Kingdome
hath bin committed to the care of divers
Noblemen, whom the House of Parlia-
ment hath thought fit to think worthy
of that great trust, wherein the safety of
this Kingdome doth consist.

I shall not need for the present to de-
scribe Neither will I relate the difference
which hath arose about the charge of
this *Militia*, and which as yet doth re-
main unreconciled. The Earl of *Sanford*
was chosen Lieutenant of *Liechester* shire,
and by that means had the charge of the
Militia of that County committed unto
him, and by an Order from the said house

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was commanded down thither to exercise and train all the whole Land of that County.

He had for some space gone on with the *Militia*, although in the interim hee found some opposition. And now again lately while he was imployed in the exercise of his charge, *M. Henry Hastings* Son to the Earl of *Huntingdon* came from *Torke*, and with him brought the Kings *Proclamation* for the mustering up of the *Trainbands*, which seemed to countermand the Authority of the Earl of *Stamford*, and he bred very much disturbance in *Lieccester town*.

Wherupon the Earl of *Lieccester*, and Sir *Arthur Haslerigg* sent Letters immediately away unto the *Parliament*, informing them, how the proceedings concerning the *Militia* was hindered, how great a disturbance was bred in that place by *M. Hen. Hastings*, and also that the Major of *Lieccester* had proclaimed the Kings *Proclamation*, by which means this great disturbance was bred at the Muster.

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Wherupon there issued forth an order
from the House, that Mr. Henry Hastings
should be sent for as a *Delinquent*, and al-
so another Order that the Major of that
Town, and 3 others should be sent for to
appear before the House of Commons.
for proclaiming the said *Proclamation*.

It was resolved upon the question by
the Lords and Commons in Parliament,
That the Commission of Array for *Leicester*
is against Law, and against the Liberty and
property of the Subject. June 20. It was re-
solved upon the question, That all those
that are Actors in putting of the Commission
of Array in execution, shall be esteemed as
disturbers of the peace of the Kingdom, &c.

Ordered that this shall be printed and
published through the whole King-
dome.

Job. Brown Cler. Parl.

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